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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

We, Udo Simon and Ernst Radtke, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. We are co-inventors in the above-referenced patent application.
2. We have reviewed the presently pending Office Action, as well as the claims and the specification in the above-referenced application.

3. That according to one embodiment of the present invention, a blister package arrangement is called for that includes a blister package and a conductor carrier connected to it. Openings in the conductor carrier are directed toward pockets of the blister package and are formed by stamped lines positioned within the conductor carrier that surround each of the pockets in a ring shape. The openings in the conductor carrier are interrupted by at least two bridge parts by means of which a covering, separated by the stamped line out of the conductor carrier and covering the pocket, is connected with the conductor carrier. The bridge parts are so distributed about the periphery of the stamped line that, when a tablet is pressed out from a pocket, at least one bridge part is broken. Individual conductors are included on the conductor carrier, each of which extends from an individual connecting pad over at least the one bridge part that is severed upon tablet removal.

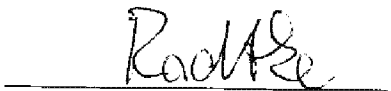
4. Being ones skilled in this art, we believe that the spars 42, 43 set forth in the specification and shown, for example, in FIGS. 3 and 5 are more clearly described as "bridge parts." The spars 42, 43 are described in the specification as connecting coverings 30 to conductor carrier strip 10 by providing an interruption in stamped line opening 41. As shown in each of FIGS. 3 and 5, the spars 42, 43 or "bridge parts" connect coverings 30 to conductor carrier strip 10 by interrupting stamped line opening 41, and thus provide a bridge therebetween.

5. That German patent DE 10360689, to which the present application claims priority, identifies the spars 42, 43 set forth in the specification as "stegteile 42, 43." The stegteile 42, 43 are accurately translated in English as a "footpath part" or "bridge part." Thus, we believe that the use of the term "bridge part" in describing embodiments of the present invention provides a more accurate definition of the term "stegteile" than the translated term "spar".

6. That the statements made herein are of our own knowledge and are true and made on information and belief that are believed to be true. We acknowledge that any willful false statements and the like made herein are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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